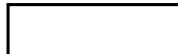


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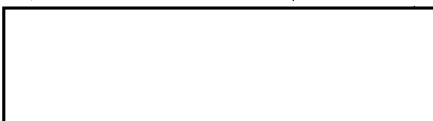
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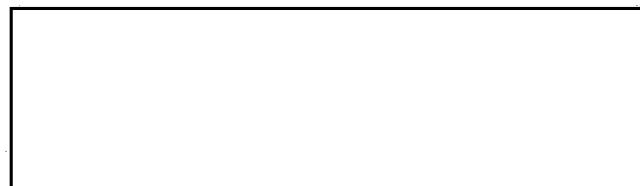
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JUSTIFICATION

This mission is in response to the USIB requirement for high resolution photographic coverage of COMIREX priority targets in North Vietnam. Specifically, the OXCART aircraft is to cover those areas of North Vietnam which, because of surface-to-air missile defenses, cannot be covered adequately by other means. The 303 Committee has approved a bank of nine BLACK SHIELD missions per month.

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OPERATIONAL DATA:

DISTANCE : 4662 NM
TIME : 3 + 45
DENIED TIME : 0 + 18
ENTRY ALTITUDE: 1st Pass - 79,000 Ft.
2nd Pass - 78,000 Ft.
SPEED : Mach 3.1 (1800 Kts)
TAKE OFF : 0210Z 4 October 1967
2210 Washington, D. C. Time, 3 October 1967

The following routes have been selected for this mission:

1st Pass

2nd Pass

Route A

Route A

If these routes cannot be flown because of weather conditions,
other route options would be substituted.

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This OXCART mission as planned herein is approved.

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